

SENATE BILL 307
By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 51 and Title 6, Chapter 58, relative to the comprehensive growth plan.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-58-108, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (g):

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if a proposal to extend the corporate limits of a municipality by the annexation of territory adjoining the existing boundaries of a municipality is proposed by the municipality upon its own initiative by ordinance, the ordinance shall not become operative until an election is held at the expense of the proposing municipality for approval or disapproval of such annexation by the qualified voters who reside in the territory proposed for annexation. The affected landowners shall be notified by mail. The operation of the ordinance shall be subject to approval of the voters who reside in such territory. The county election commission shall hold an election thereon, providing options to vote "For" or "Against" the ordinance, not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days after the receipt of a certified copy of such ordinance, and a majority vote of those voting in the

election shall determine whether the ordinance is to be operative. A vote "For" the ordinance shall be a vote "For Annexation" and a vote "Against" the ordinance shall be a vote "Against Annexation." If the vote is for the ordinance, the ordinance shall become operative thirty (30) days after the date that the county election commission makes its official canvass of the election returns; such ordinance shall not become operative before the expiration of one hundred twenty (120) days following the final passage of the annexation ordinance. If the ordinance is rejected, the municipality shall have no authority to take any actions or assume any control over such territory. Provided, that the municipality may call for another election in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, which shall be subject to approval of the qualified voters who reside in such territory as well as the qualified voters of the municipality.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.